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In re Application of

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For: SHADE COMPONENT REMOVING APPARATUS AND SHADE COMPONENT

REMOVING METHOD FOR REMOVING SHADE IN IMAGE:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The following amendment and remarks are submitted in response to the Official Action mailed July 29, 2004.

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CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is urged that the application, as now amended, is in condition for allowance, an indication of which is respectfully solicited. If there are any outstanding issues that might be resolved by an interview or an Examiner's amendment, Examiner is requested to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number shown below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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